There is no proposal to establish diplomatic relations with Taiwan.

Supply of Rice to Cuba

559. SHRI YASHWANT SINHA :

SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that India refused to supply 10,000 tonne of rice to Cuba, a member of Non-Aligned Movement ; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO) : (a) and (b) The Government of Cuba had approached the Government of India in December 1991 for the supply of 500,000 tonnes wheat and 100,000 tonnes of rice on a deferred payment basis. Our own situation as regard wheat was such that we were not in a position to offer any quantities for export. However, in respect of rice we were able to offer 20,000 tonnes of which half could be supplied immediately and the remainder after assessing the winter crop.

The Cuban side requested for a credit of 365 days to pay for the proposed sale. However, because of our own budgetary constraints, we found we were not in a position to offer any credit at that time. We suggested that the Cuban side could offer us some commodity as a barter in exchange for the rice. They regretted their inability to offer any such commodity. Under the circumstances, it was not possible to finalise any deal with the representatives of the Cuban Government at that point of time.

Asylum by Indians in Germany

560. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a report published in "the Pioneer" of 17th April, 1992 under the caption "54 Indians seek asylum in Germany";

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard;

(c) what are the circumstances under which these people reached Germany and who met their expenses;

(d) whether they have sought political asylum in Germany;

(e) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(f) what steps Government have taken in the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (f) On 13th April, 1992, 54 Indian nationals travelling from New Delhi via Warsaw, Moscow and Vienna to Brossels boarded a Malaysian Airlines flight at Brussels bound from Dubai, but disembarked during a stop-over at Frankfurt. They refused to produce their travel documents and later sought political asylum in Germany. They are now in the custody of German authorities who are conducting a preliminary inquiry which may last for another two weeks. Embassy officials are in touch with the German Foreign Office and German Interior Ministry on this matter. Further action will be taken after completion of inquiry.

Sending of Indian Troops to Cambodia under U.N.

561. SHRI KAPIL VERMA :

SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA :

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) what is the strength of Indian troops being sent to Cambodia as part of the UN transitionary authority;

(b) what are the terms and conditions for officers and jawans of this peace keeping force as decided by the Government; and

(c) what are the guidelines of United Nations in this matter ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO) : (a) to (c) On the request of the UNSG, India is providing the following personnel for deployment with United Nations Transitional Authority in Cambodia.

(i) One Infantry Battalion of 850 personnel.

(ii) 15 Military Observers.

(iii) 8 Staff Officers.

(iv) One Medical Unit of 375 personnel.

(v) 10 Military Police personnel.

(vi) 4 Clerks.

(vii) 75 Civilian Police Personnel of all ranks.

In addition, 41 personnel of all ranks from the Army who are on deputation to the UN Advance Mission in Cambodia (UNAMIC) are also being absorbed in the UNTAC.

The UN is in the process of formulating detailed guidelines for the reputation of the personnel. The Government will be issuing sanctions specifying the terms and conditions for the deputationists, taking into account the UN guidelines. The personnel are expected to be paid an adequate "mission subsistence allowance" at the place of posting while continuing to draw their pay and allowances in India.

U. N. sanction against Libya

562. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state the reaction of Government of India about sanction of UN against Libya ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO) : India abstained on the Security Council Resolution 748 which imposed sanctions against Libya as it was felt that more time and patience could have yielded better results in resolving the issue and that the Security Council and the International Court of Justice should have functioned in tandem. The sanctions are mandatory. India is firmly opposed to all forms of terrorism.

563. [*Transferred to the 7th May*, 1992.]

Affairs of East India Syntex Limited

564. SHRI NYODEK YONGGAM : Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the date on which East India Syntex Limited was incorporated under the Companies Act and the date on which this company was granted the certificate to commence business;

(b) the names and addresses of the subscribers to the memorandum/articles of association of the company as well as the names of the major shareholders/promoters with the number of shares held by each of them at present alongwith the relevant percentage of such holding in each case;

(c) the names of directors representing the interests of the workers as well as small shareholders on the board during the last five years, year-wise;

(d) the amounts of net profit/losses of the company during the last five years, year-wise and the dividend(s) paid to the shareholders during the same period; and

(e) the amounts of paid-up capital, equity holdings and other loans granted by various financial institutions and banks to the said company since its incorporation till date alongwith the amounts of loans yet to be recovered from the said company, institution-wise and bank-wise ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI RANGARAJAN KUMARMANGALAM) : (a) The company named East